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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.

## House of Representatives

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010

The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
November 16, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LORETTA SANCHEZ to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF STAFF SERGEANT ADAM L. DICKMYER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, today I rise in solemn remembrance of the life of a fallen hero, Staff Sergeant Adam L. Dickmyer who grew up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Staff Sergeant Dickmyer was killed while serving his country in Afghanistan on October 28 when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device near Kandahar.

Staff Sergeant Dickmyer was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. From 2003 until 2009, he served at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Only 15 percent of those who try out for the honored, precision assignment are chosen, and some consider it the most prestigious duty of the military. Staff Sergeant Dickmyer led the changing of the guards, a ceremony he performed every half-hour with precision. The soldiers carry out their duties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, no matter the conditions. He was deployed to Afghanistan in June after volunteering to go.

Staff Sergeant Dickmyer graduated from Carver High School where he participated in the award-winning ROTC drill team. This selfless American patriot, who paid the heaviest price for his country, will be remembered forever as a young man who was a leader and loved by many. His tragic death in the line of duty is an irreplaceable loss for his family and friends, his community, and his country.

Today we mourn with those who mourn, and we pay tribute to and honor this soldier and his inspiring life

which was cut short while he was serving his country. His country owes him an immeasurable debt of gratitude for his service and his great sacrifice on the battlefield. May God's peace be with Staff Sergeant Dickmyer's family, friends, and all those who continue to mourn his death and remember his life.

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I think that every Member of Congress, and especially Democrats, at this point should welcome the recommendations of the two coauthors of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform. This is one of the rare, tangible, and comprehensive approaches that have come through the political process to deal with an issue that everyone should be concerned about: how we pay for what America needs amidst growing budget deficits and strains on our entitlement programs.

We must not underestimate the value of two reasonable, credible people, Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson, both with experience on a national scale and an assignment from the President, who have recommended a combination of ways to increase revenue and deal with

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